

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

**MAY 16, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Brad Berkemeier was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Student Advisor, Jama Singleton.

**MINUTES:** Conner made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following;

1. Introduced new Intern, Nate Robert-Eze.
2. On the 4<sup>th</sup> he met with DNR to discuss trail scoring.
3. We had grand openings for Beacon and The Open Book.
4. Met with SME regarding Brownfield and phase II on the Laker property.
5. We had a Technical Review Committee meeting regarding the Princess.
6. Met with Duke to discuss transformers at the Flatrock Grill and the old Park Restaurant.
7. Attended the ARa annual meeting.
8. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we had our quarterly INDOT meeting.
9. Attended a Stellar meeting in Indianapolis.
10. Met with Vectren to discuss possible line replacement.
11. The Mayor's 5K went well with 100 registering and approximately 89 participating.
12. We will have a Highway 3 meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
13. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a Community Crossings meeting with INDOT.
14. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the ECDC will have the Business Launch roll out.
15. On the 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a Stellar core meeting.
16. On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a technical review meeting for Tractor Supply.
17. Save a date for May 31 east side town hall meeting.
18. The first concert will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
19. We have a small crew working diligently on Farmers Market.
20. Claims for the Workforce Training Center are coming through. We agreed to help with a specific dollar amount.

21. The LOI on the housing for apartments has been signed.
22. The Street Department has been addressing a drainage problem at Wilson Estates. There was a 2 foot pipe solid with tree roots. We have pulled them out and cut sections out. The water is now flowing through.
23. We will put in another application for the trail program with DNR.
24. The bid for 427 W 3<sup>rd</sup> was awarded to Jeff Wilson for \$6,800.00.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that they had the exit conference with the State Board of Accounts for the years 2014 and 2015. There was one comment regarding the records kept by the pool staff. This was a comment that was also made in an earlier audit. Copley said the corrective measures have been given to the pool manager.

There were a couple of findings regarding internal controls and a plan of corrective measures has been made.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said the Boys and Girls Club adult prom will be this Saturday.

He said there will be approximately 140 graduating from the DARE program this week. He thanked Council for their support.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – The contract was signed for the trailhead.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The first concert will be June 3. It will be announced on Channel 13 Thursday.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – The Board of Works signed the resolution for the one design build firm with 3 options.
- **Cherry Street** – The Board of Works approved the contract for phase II.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Discussed in Mayor's report.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Park** – Mayor Pavey introduced the new Park Director, Dan Burklow. Director Burklow said he is acclimating himself with the job and getting into a routine. He is learning the responsibilities

for the pool. He has found a different chemical supplier saving approximately \$1100.00 with each delivery.

**Police** – Chief Tucker handed out statistics reports for April.

He is working through the process with the body cameras.

He continues to work with the County on a new radio system. The Commissioners have chosen to go with Kenwood. It still needs to be approved by the County Council.

Last week the Police Department spent 2 days training at Camp Atterbury. They will go back in the fall for additional training.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reported that 181 residents brought heavy trash to the dump last week free of charge. They filled 14 dumpsters. He said this was a good turnout.

Miller said the Board of Works approved to hire Landon Meckes as a seasonal employee to replace Danny Dixon.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** Nothing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments Report** – Mayor Pavey said the equipment policy is complete. We have been meeting with Dr. Williams discussing options on the front desk policy.
2. **Transfer Station** – Brian Sheehan met with New Castle and will meet with Greensburg tomorrow.
3. **Parking Complaint – Parking over Sidewalk** – Pavey said we need to use common sense. Councilman Smith requested that we tweak the language for transient.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Dave Jordan SB1 Tax Abatement Resolution 2017-9** – Continued until the next meeting.
2. **Resolution and Assessment Agreement Coordination:**
  - a. Campaign Flats –
  - b. Durbin Hotel -
  - c. Knights of Pythias –Councilman Berkemeier is working on this so they will all coordinate.
3. **Former Park Restaurant** – Mayor Pavey said the school has decided that they will

consider the use of the facility, but need to go before their Board for discussion. They will meet on the 31<sup>st</sup> with members from the City, Shelly Wakefield, and Strand to answer questions. Pavey said he would like to have 2 Council members along with himself attend this meeting. He said we are probably looking at a long term lease not a sale of the property.

Councilman Smith said he thought we should decide first how we want to proceed. He said this has not been debated. Pavey asked if Council wanted him to proceed with conversations with school. He again stressed that we are not committing to anything. Smith said this is a park and green space that we will never get back. After very lengthy discussion, Conner made a motion to have Councilmen Cameron and Berkemeier attend the meeting to represent Council. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **Sale of Farm Property** – Mayor Pavey asked Council how they would like to proceed with the farm sale. Smith asked when the money is needed. Pavey asked Copley to check with Umbaugh as to when we would need the funding. The consensus was to liquidate the north side first and maybe we could get a better option on the south side.

**CLAIMS AND APRIL 2017 BANK RECONCILEMENT:** Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented along with the April 2017 bank reconciliation. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:**

**Park Pay Range** – Pavey said he intended to have a pay range for the Park Director to coincide with experience. However, the salary ordinance does not have a range. A number is locked in. Pavey said the range would be \$38,000.00 - \$42,000.00. He said due to Burklow's experience he would like to pay him \$42,000.00. Bridges moved to amend the salary ordinance to reflect this. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing** – Shelly Wakefield said we will have a public hearing at the next meeting for the art requirement in the overlay district.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.